

House Resolution 961

By: Representatives Coleman of the 144th, Dukes of the 150th, Porter of the 143rd, Burkhalter of the 50th, Smyre of the 132nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of George Dekle Busbee, former Governor of Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on August 7, 1927, George Dekle Busbee was born in Dooly County; and

4 WHEREAS, he attended the Georgia Military College and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural
5 College before joining the Navy, and, after military service, he attended the University of
6 Georgia where he received his law degree in 1952; and

7 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1957, where he
8 served for 18 years as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, House Majority
9 Leader, and floor leader for Governor Carl Sanders; and

10 WHEREAS, he was elected Governor, campaigning on the slogan "A workhorse, not a
11 showhorse," and served from 1975 through 1983, the first Georgia chief executive to serve
12 two consecutive four-year terms; and

13 WHEREAS, during his governorship, his leadership guided Georgia through two recessions
14 and was instrumental in the enactment of a new state constitution, brought international trade
15 to Georgia, and kept his promise not to raise taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a beloved husband to the former Elizabeth Talbot of Ruston, Louisiana;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of this monumental statesman whose
19 steadfast leadership and great personal strength guided the citizens of this state through
20 trying times with great dignity and moral integrity.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of former
3 Governor George Dekle Busbee and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of former
6 Governor George Dekle Busbee.